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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. C. S. AYER will call upon our subscribers in Cumberland County during April and May.

Repeal of the Bankrupt Law.

It will be seen by our report of Congressional proceedings, that the House of Representatives, on Thursday, voted the Senate bill which absolutely repeals the bankrupt law, by a vote of 300 to 29. There was an effort made to retain the law so far as it relates to voluntary bankruptcy, and repeat that part which provides for involuntary proceedings, but its entire repeal was a foregone conclusion.

The repeal bill is so framed as not to affect cases already begun. A slight verbal amendment was made in the House, simply to perfect the measure. We have no doubt that in the repeal of the bankrupt law, which has been in force for about dozen years, the House has acted in accordance with the wishes of a large majority of the business men of the country. They had become disgusted and thoroughly tired of the frauds which the law has permitted, and of the extravagant fees which it has thrown into the hands of a certain class of lawyers.

Thousands have taken advantage of the law to cheat their creditors, and after having settled up at a small per cent, have gone on in business as before. The effect has been to embarrass and, in many cases, break down honest business, and work wide spread ruin.

Of the propriety of a National bankrupt law, we think there can be no question, and there ought to be wisdom sufficient in Congress to frame such a law as would be uniform in its operation and satisfactory to all. Such a law, in order to be of value, should be simple in its provisions and easy of execution.

A more cumbersome law than the bankrupt act, was never framed. Its provisions reduced the red tape business to one of the exact sciences. It multiplied officers and allowed them exorbitant fees at every point. The assets of the bankrupt had to be large, to provide for the creditors. The repeal of the bankrupt law abolishes all these officers, and the army of advocates must turn their attention to other pursuits.

The ponderous machine is now laid aside, ready in the mill, and then it will stop.

The repeal of the bankrupt law will leave the insolvent act passed by the last Legislature, in full force in this State. We had the impression, while this act was under consideration, that it was unnecessarily long and complicated, and it may be that less care was bestowed upon it than would have been the case, had it been known for certain, that it was to remain inoperative for only a few weeks. If a practical application of the law discloses any defects, it can be amended at the next session.

While admitting that the right kind of a National bankrupt law, on account of its uniform application in all the States and Territories, is preferable to the diversified insolvent enactments which will follow the repeal, we are of the opinion that the present insolvent law of the State, is in all respects, superior to the law which the House has wiped out.

Mr. P. L. Chapman, of Bowdoin, favored this system. H. L. Chapman of Bowdoin College, though many good teachers would be dropped out by this code.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Rev. A. W. Burr, Hallowell; Vice President, G. A. Robertson, Augusta; Secretary, F. E. C. Robbins, Deering; Treasurer, A. E. Chase, Portland; Executive Council, President and Secretary, Mr. Jordan of Lewiston, Mr. Tash of Portland and Miss Hayden of Farmington. Several valuable papers were read during the meeting, and among them one on Methods of Teaching Arithmetic, by G. A. Robertson of the Augusta Grammar School.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Barker Cotton Mill held at Auburn Thursday it was voted to reduce the old capital stock of \$400,000 to \$40,000 and issue new stock to the amount of \$300,000 in shares of \$10 each, making the new capital \$340,000. This is the mill built a few years ago at the mouth of the Little Androscoggin river in Auburn. The stockholders of the mill owned a large quantity of land within the city limits but on account of the hard times for many years, and colored goods have ruled so low, that the mill has hardly paid its expenses.

The 90 per cent reduction of stock will fall heavily on the owners of the mill.

It is difficult to get a discharge, but it will be easier for the creditors to get what belongs to them. While it is desirable and proper that the honest bankrupt should be offered every reasonable facility for making a prompt settlement, and for obtaining a final discharge, on the other hand, the rights of the creditor should neither be overlooked nor abridged. That they have been under the present law, no one will pretend to deny.

When the assembled wisdom of the nation shall succeed in framing a bankrupt law that shall be simple in its construction, and especially in its operation, affording protection alike to debtor and creditor; a law that shall be an auxiliary to business and not a stumbling block, we hope it may be passed, but such a law must differ as widely as possible from the one just repealed, and until such a one can be passed, it is far better for us to depend upon our State resources.

The following is the full text of the bill repealing the bankrupt law, as passed by the House:

"That the bankrupt law approved March 3, 1867, title 61, Revised Statutes, and an act entitled an act to amend and supplement the bankrupt law, and to make a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March 2, 1867, and for other purposes, approved June 23, 1877, and all acts of amendment and supplemental acts, and of re-enactment, thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, that such repeal shall not in any manner invalidate or affect any case in bankruptcy under the bankrupt law, or any proceeding to the day when this act shall take effect, to as to all such pending cases and all future proceedings thereto, and all penal actions and criminal proceedings against bankrupts; and that acts hereby repealed shall remain in full force and effect until the same shall be fully disposed of in the same manner as if said acts had not been repealed."

The Senate had not adopted the verbal amendments of the House up to Tuesday night, but the large majority by which passed that body originally, shows that when it is reached it will be sure to pass.

There seems to be no progress made in the negotiations for peace in Europe, and everything looks warlike. Both England and Russia are hereafter forced to take up arms for war on a gigantic scale. The nations of India are enthusiastic in favor of a war with Russia, and by transporting large numbers of them to Turkey, England would remove a dangerous class from India and make the government of that country more stable. Bismarck, who has been acting as mediator, now declines to act further, and after negotiations, if any, must be had directly between the two great powers.

Charles E. Sawtelle of Readfield was arrested last week and confessed that he burned his buildings on the 9th of April, for the purpose of getting insurance. He removed and secreted his household goods, made arrangements for the conveyance and then with his family retired to a neighbor's, and awaited the result which came off according to programme. After the fire, he made an inventory of the personal property which he claimed was burned, and made oath to it, and also swore that the house was not burned by him. The personal property was found, and rather than have an investigation, he made a clean breast of it and confessed all. He was brought to Augusta and obtained bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at Court. He acknowledged to have committed the crimes of arson and perjury.

On account of ill health, Mr. C. H. Kirby has sold his interest in the "Savannah" to his partner, C. A. Woodbury. Mr. Woodbury's introductory is, "The reporter's general policy will be unchanged."

CITY NEWS AND GOSIP. The hand organ man made his appearance for the first time this spring.—We learn that Mr. Whithip has taken a new lease of the Augusta House.—G. E. B. Jackson, Esq., the new president of the Maine Central Railroad Company was in this city last week, and examined the company's works.—Deputy Sheriff Page of this city went to Manchester on Wednesday of last week, and arrested Samuel Groves for capturing black bass out of season, and in an unlawful way. He was fined ten dollars and costs, and failing to pay, he was committed to jail for 30 days. He is an old offender and a little touch of the law may have a salutary effect, not only upon him, but upon others similarly inclined.—Foster & Dutton, the well known builders of Waterville, are to build three houses for P. O. Vickery—two on Spring street and one on Chestnut street. Painting materials of all kinds, are much cheaper than they have been before since the war. Good white lead can be had for 8 1/2 cents per pound, and linseed oil at 55 to 58cts. per gallon.—Good rents are quite scarce in this city, and a few more houses would pay a good interest on the investment.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. William McLachlin is improving in health. He represents the citizens of Alton, C. A. at this season, as dolesom.—The firm of Allen Small & Co., machinists on the east side of the river, has dissolved. C. O. Small retains the business to be continued by the firm of C. O. Small & Son.—We learn that Mr. Joseph A. Horner contemplated building a dwelling house on his lot on Sewall street, north of the Universal parsonage, but then adjourned to May 8th, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The second annual meeting of the Maine Teachers' Association, was commenced at Reception Hall, Portland, Thursday evening. There was a good attendance and a very interesting session was held. Among the prominent educators present were W. J. Correll, State Superintendent; C. C. Holmes, Principal of Portland Normal School; J. H. Hanson, LL. D., Principal of Waterbury Classical Institute; Rosella Woodbury, Wm. Harper, Farmington Normal School; Mr. Tash of Portland, etc. The discussion of the evening, the past year was only \$32.—Mr. Eugene Lane for three years the faithful foreman of the Banner Office, has gone to his home in Limerick.

The Directors of the village schools report the amount expended for school purposes during the past year at \$10,718.15 and the average attendance of scholars at five hundred and thirty-two. This is over twenty dollars for each scholar attending the schools.

This is the amount required for school purposes for a scholar to attend the schools, while the average attendance was 400.

The average cost per scholar is \$21.00, and it is noted that the attendance shall remain the same.

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The Markets.

Brighton Cattle Market.

Wednesday, May 1.
Amount of stock at market—Little 651; Sheep & Lambs 1700; Hogs 167; Milch Cows and Northern Cattle 80.

Priced as follows: first quality \$4.50/lb.; second quality \$4.25/lb.; third quality \$4.00/lb.; poussins \$2.50/lb.; lambs \$2.50/lb.

Britton Hides per lb., Brighton Tallow 4¢/lb. per lb.; Calm Skins also per lb.; Sheep and Lamb Skins \$1.00/lb. each.

The Committee rose after having disposed of four pages of the bill. Adjourned.

Congressional Summary.

Wednesday, April 24.

Foreign News.

The Eastern Question.

A London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian telegraphed Thursday night as follows:

"Great enthusiasm is manifested in most countries in favor of the government's policy of encouraging and protecting inland trade and to revive American commerce."

He stated that the bill had been referred to the House and therefore moved the committee to be reconstituted from further consideration of the same.

Mr. Windom from the conference committee on the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary and extraordinary appropriations for the same, also making an appropriation for detecting trespasses on public lands, submitted a report which was agreed to.

In addition, it is reported, to this, it is stated that the principal officer have received important secret instructions for certain contingencies.

The British army corps is being raised.

A Rustchuk correspondent telegraphs that out of 6000 Russians there are 40 or 50 daily of ordinary and spotted typhus.

At present, however, it is reported, to this, it is stated that the principal officer have received important secret instructions for certain contingencies.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill on the calendar, and the following were disposed of:

Senate bill to annul the act of the legislative assembly of New Mexico passed on the 18th of January, 1875, by a two-third's vote of both Houses over the veto of the governor of the state, being disposed of before adjournment.

It is reported, to this, it is stated that the Russell will immediately occupy Con-

necticut.

The House bill for the allowance of certain claims for quartermasters and commis-

saries stores reported by the accounting offi-

cials.

Senate bill to annul the unexecuted balance of the Geneva award. Ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Senate bill in regard to the Pacific railroad companies having been referred to the Speaker's table. Mr. Cox moved that the bill be passed.

A vote was taken on the passage of the bill and resulted in yes 243, nays 2, two of the bill passed. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Butler and Lynde.

Thursday, April 25.

SENATE. The following were disposed of:

Senate bill for sale of timber lands in the States of Colorado and Oregon and in Washington territory.

Senate bill submitted an additional section providing that any person prosecuted for violating Section 2491 of the Revised Statutes who was not prosecuted for cutting trees for export from the United States shall be liable to a fine of \$1000 for each tree cut.

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Friday, April 26.

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Sunday, April 28.

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Monday, April 29.

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Tuesday, April 30.

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Thursday, May 2.

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Friday, May 3.

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Saturday, May 4.

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Monday, May 6.

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A vote was taken on the passage of the bill and resulted in yes 243, nays 2, two of the bill passed. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Butler and Lynde.

Wednesday, May 8.

SENATE. The following were disposed of:

Senate bill for sale of timber lands in the States of Colorado and Oregon and in Washington territory.

Senate bill submitted an additional section providing that any person prosecuted for violating Section 2491 of the Revised Statutes who was not prosecuted for cutting trees for export from the United States shall be liable to a fine of \$1000 for each tree cut.

Senate bill in regard to the Pacific railroad companies having been referred to the Speaker's table. Mr. Cox moved that the bill be passed.

A vote was taken on the passage of the bill and resulted in yes 243, nays 2, two of the bill passed. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Butler and Lynde.

Thursday, May 9.

SENATE. The following were disposed of:

Senate bill for sale of timber lands in the States of Colorado and Oregon and in Washington territory.

Senate bill submitted an additional section providing that any person prosecuted for violating Section 2491 of the Revised Statutes who was not prosecuted for cutting trees for export from the United States shall be liable to a fine of \$1000 for each tree cut.

Senate bill in regard to the Pacific railroad companies having been referred to the Speaker's table. Mr. Cox moved that the bill be passed.

A vote was taken on the passage of the bill and resulted in yes 243, nays 2, two of the bill passed. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Butler and Lynde.

Friday, May 10.

SENATE. The following were disposed of:

Senate bill for sale of timber lands in the States of Colorado and Oregon and in Washington territory.

Senate bill submitted an additional section providing that any person prosecuted for violating Section 2491 of the Revised Statutes who was not prosecuted for cutting trees for export from the United States shall be liable to a fine of \$1000 for each tree cut.

Senate bill in regard to the Pacific railroad companies having been referred to the Speaker's table. Mr. Cox moved that the bill be passed.

A vote was taken on the passage of the bill and resulted in yes 243, nays 2, two of the bill passed. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Butler and Lynde.

Saturday, May 11.

SENATE. The following were disposed of:

Senate bill for sale of timber lands in the States of Colorado and Oregon and in Washington territory.

Senate bill submitted an additional section providing that any person prosecuted for violating Section 2491 of the Revised Statutes who was not prosecuted for cutting trees for export from the United States shall be liable to a fine of \$1000 for each tree cut.

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